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TO: NSC - Mr. Bailey

The following is an estimate of dollar costs of items 6 and 7 on the list:

Cancel All Academic, Cultural and Scientific Exchanges

-- Cultural and Academic Exchanges: The only existing cultural exchange is the reciprocal distribution of Amerika Illustrated in the USSR and Soviet Life in the USA. This exchange is greatly to our benefit. We spend \$1.7 million on this exchange. Cancelling would result in a net saving of money, but would involve a distinct loss in USG access to the Soviet population.

The USG puts about \$1.7 million annually into academic exchanges with the USSR. If these were cancelled immediately, the USG might have to spend several hundred thousand dollars to relocate the US students now in the USSR. If the program is allowed to continue until the summer and then lapse, it would cost us nothing in financial terms (we would of course lose a great deal in terms of our knowledge of the USSR).

-- Scientific and Technical Exchanges: Cancelling these agreements would technically place us in violation of our legal obligations since the agreements do not contain provisions for unilateral abrogation.

We could, however, announce suspension of further activities under the agreements without indicating that we were cancelling the agreements themselves.

If we did actually abrogate the agreements, the USG conceivably could stand to lose around \$9 million, which is the value of equipment now in the USSR. Of this sum, \$8 million represents the superconducting magnet used in the magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) project.

Suspension of activities without cancellation of agreements should cost nothing.

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In many cases, we obtain valuable information from these agreements that would be costly -- and in some instances impossible -- to duplicate (NASA, for example, says it would cost us some 100 million dollars to get data on primate experiments the Soviets are conducting and sharing with us.

Escalate Radio Liberty and VOA Activities, and
Increase Anti-Jamming

-- Voice of America: VOA informs us that it would cost approximately \$1 million to expand broadcasting time in Armenian, Georgian, Tartar/Bashkir, Kazakh, and Byelorussian. This expansion could be implemented almost immediately. VOA currently broadcasts 17 hours in Russian and 14 hours in Ukrainian per day; they believe that an increase in broadcasting time in these languages would be of marginal utility.

In order to circumvent jamming, VOA would be able to redirect some transmitters currently providing service to other countries and regions and direct them toward the USSR. This could be done quickly and at no cost.

-- Radio Liberty: The Board for International Broadcasting tell us that there is little that Radio Liberty can do in the short term to increase effective broadcasting to the USSR or to overcome jamming.



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